

This week in the classrooms...

Reception

This week we continued to read the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We introduced speech bubbles and talked about what they are and when they are used. The boys thought about what Goldilocks and the bears might say. In Maths this week, we started to add. We counted out two groups of bears and then counted them altogether to find a total. You can reinforce this with objects at home. Our sounds of the week were ff, ll, ss and s at the end of a word. As part of our 70th Anniversary Special Week we focused on the 1980s with a particular focus on toys of the 80s. We talked about the toys children played with then and the different types of toys we have now. Each of the boys enjoyed making their own Rubik's Cube.

Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed the Pardes' 70th Anniversary Special Week. We focussed on the decade of the 2010s, learning about the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales in 2011, the 2012 Olympics and Brexit in 2016. We continued looking at subtraction in the context of counting back and introduced the concept of subtraction as 'difference'. In Geography, we looked at the Equator and the North and South Poles in relation to hot and cold areas of the Earth. In Science, we named different amphibians and learned that they start life with gills and then graduate to lungs. We have commenced Level 5 Phonics with the digraph **ay** for **pray** and learned that **ay** usually comes at the end of a word whereas **ai** comes in the middle of words.

Year 2

For our special week, Year 2's focus was the 1960's. We did lots of fun activities linked to this era. We learnt about the key events that took place, from the first man in space, to England winning the world cup in 1966. In Maths, we started learning about fractions, and by the end of the week, the boys could tell you a fraction of a number! Please keep practising the 2 times tables at home! In English this week, we did a comprehension on Yuri Gagarin and learnt about contractions.

Year 3

Year 3 have really enjoyed learning all about the noughties this week and we have loved their enthusiasm! We began our focus on 2000-2010 by learning about the Millennium and creating a timeline for the Millennium Dome. We then wrote amazing fact files all about the London Eye, which we also learned to draw. We looked at the events within the royal family during this time, including the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002. In Science, we made posters all about some of the inventions of the decade, such as the Segway and the braille glove. In our Geography lesson, we plotted noughties facts about London landmarks. Our Art lesson was spent recreating a famous piece of artwork by Brice Marden from 2005. In Maths, we have been reading measurements on scales.

Year 4

This week we have enjoyed our special week celebrating the 70th anniversary of Pardes House. Year 4 have been focussing on the decade 1990-2000 and what was invented or discovered during that time. We learned that the Hubble telescope was launched into space in 1990 and made our own paintings of space. We have also learned about South Africa during the apartheid, Nelson Mandela and the importance of voting and democracy. We have also found fractions of amounts in maths and sorted through physical and human features of Mexico in Humanities.

Year 5

This week, the boys in Year 5 have been celebrating the school's 70th Anniversary. They have been making model towns of Stamford Hill, Edgware, Hendon and Golders Green. The boys got really engrossed in making it accurate and the results are impressive! Mr Cohen schooled the boys on all things Concord. A few boys made detailed drawings of the models Mr Cohen brought in. The boys also made a timeline on important events in the 1970s which collaged a lot of relevant information. While all of this was going on, long multiplication and a diary entry for The Explorer were also tackled with gusto!

Year 6

Year 6 started the week with an anti-bullying workshop. It was a thought-provoking session which the boys responded to very well, looking at the role of bystanders, upstanders and how banter has become a new phenomena to consider. As we are starting our 70th Pardes anniversary celebrations, we looked at the decade in which the school was set up- the 50's! We learned about the introduction of credit cards, seatbelts and even got to hear a real vinyl record being played, courtesy of Rabbi Sager.